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Week ending August 23, 2009

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 23, 2009**. Armyworms and soybean rust are being reported in scattered areas across the state. Growers are monitoring their crops and pastures for insect damage and disease, and they are applying insecticides and fungicides as needed. Producers are preparing fields for ryegrass and other cool season forages. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 08/23/09

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn, dough | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn, dent | 99 | 98 | 99 | 98 |
| Corn, mature | 83 | 59 | 80 | 85 |
| Corn Silage, harvested | 91 | 80 | 84 | 95 |
| Cotton, setting bolls | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Cotton, open bolls | 8 | 3 | 11 | 30 |
| Hay-Warm Season, harvested | 83 | 80 | 82 | 81 |
| Rice, headed | 95 | 84 | 87 | 97 |
| Rice, mature | 14 | 6 | 22 | 38 |
| Rice, harvested | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Sorghum, heading | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 |
| Sorghum, coloring | 94 | 76 | 86 | 96 |
| Sorghum, mature | 45 | 23 | 39 | 72 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 0 | 0 | 10 | 33 |
| Soybeans, setting pods | 99 | 98 | 98 | 99 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 35 | 26 | 37 | 62 |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves | 15 | 7 | 14 | 42 |
| Watermelons, harvested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Crop condition for week ending 08/23/09

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn | 5 | 15 | 30 | 44 | 6 |
| Cotton | 1 | 7 | 27 | 52 | 13 |
| Hay | 0 | 10 | 21 | 44 | 25 |
| Livestock | 3 | 5 | 26 | 56 | 10 |
| Pasture | 2 | 9 | 30 | 49 | 10 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 0 | 15 | 59 | 26 |
| Rice | 0 | 1 | 25 | 49 | 25 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 2 | 41 | 43 | 14 |
| Soybeans | 3 | 8 | 24 | 47 | 18 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 0 | 2 | 11 | 66 | 21 |

Comments

“Farmers are draining rice fields. A few have cut samples, but moisture is running too high. Some farmers have started cutting corn.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Corn harvest has been slow for those waiting for corn to reach 16% or lower in moisture. Those with on-the-farm grain bins continue forward with harvest activities. A few acres of soybeans were harvested this past week. Due to soybean rust, more growers are applying late season fungicides to protect their crop while many others are choosing to wait.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“This cool weather sure makes it feel like fall. It was 58.1 when I left the house this morning to come to work...nice! Armyworms have made their impact on forage grasses in recent weeks but it doesn't appear that this has been as tough a year. Cattle producers and wildlife enthusiasts are getting ready to plant their winter forages. Adequate rainfall has allowed the opportunity for proper tillage for a change.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“We are still fighting armyworms throughout the county, and parts of the county are in desperate need of rain. Other parts of the county have had plenty of rain.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Most areas of the county have received some rain. Moisture won't last long if we do not get more rain soon. Hay supply is short.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Corn harvest has started. Cotton growers are still fighting insects.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Early soybeans have been harvested. Yields were very low for the most part. We are waiting on later groups to mature. This crop is winding down pretty fast.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“All crops are progressing well. There were no major problems found in fields.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“We got .25 to 1 inch of rain Thursday and Friday and it was needed. Most beans are past the 5.5 stage, but we are watching a few late beans for rust.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Soybeans, hayfields, and pastures are still being monitored for armyworm outbreaks with insecticide applications made as needed. Beef producers have plenty of hay in storage with many of them still having one cutting left.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Soybean diseases were the main concern for growers for the week.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“An inch of rain fell Thursday halting all field work. Corn harvest was underway until the rain came. Moisture has helped late soybeans, but delayed grain harvest.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Rains arrived in good time for most producers; however, some localities still need more moisture to allow crops to perform at their potential.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Peanuts are in full bloom. Corn is ready for harvest. Blueberries have and continue to put on new growth. Cattle are in good condition. Fields are being prepared for ryegrass and other cool season forages.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

| Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 08/23/09 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | 4 Inch Soil Temperature | | | Avg Plan Evap |
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max | Min | Avg | |
| Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cleveland | 92 | 60 | 80 | 81 | -1 | 0.38 | -0.18 | 3 | 7.31 | | | | |
| Clarksdale | 92 | 60 | 78 | 80 | -2 | 0.66 | 0.14 | 3 | 5.35 | | | | |
| Lambert 1W | 94 | 60 | 79 | | | 0.85 | 0.17 | 1 | 4.10 | | | | |
| Tunica 2N | 92 | 59 | 78 | 79 | -1 | 0.60 | 0.10 | 1 | 7.36 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 94 | 59 | 79 | 80 | -1 | 0.62 | 0.06 | 2 | 6.03 | | | | |
| North-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville 2SW | 93 | 58 | 78 | 78 | | 0.87 | 0.28 | 2 | 4.23 | | | | |
| Calhoun City | 89 | 57 | 77 | 79 | -2 | 1.05 | 0.35 | 3 | 4.68 | | | | |
| Hickory Flat | 90 | 55 | 75 | 78 | -3 | 1.16 | 0.38 | 4 | 4.83 | | | | |
| Holly Springs 4N | 91 | 53 | 76 | 77 | -1 | 0.48 | -0.24 | 1 | 4.21 | | | | |
| Independence | 90 | 56 | 76 | 78 | -2 | 1.16 | 0.48 | 2 | 5.94 | | | | |
| Oxford | 92 | 56 | 77 | 78 | -1 | 0.69 | -0.08 | 3 | 4.33 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 93 | 53 | 77 | 79 | -2 | 0.90 | 0.20 | 3 | 4.80 | | | | |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 87 | 56 | 75 | 78 | -3 | 0.46 | -0.30 | 5 | 1.96 | | | | |
| Corinth 7SW | 90 | 56 | 77 | 80 | -3 | 0.83 | 0.14 | 2 | 2.87 | | | | |
| Tupelo 2 | 90 | 59 | 77 | | | 0.64 | 0.00 | 2 | 6.12 | | | | |
| Pontotoc Exp Stn | 89 | 57 | 76 | 79 | -3 | 0.95 | 0.25 | 1 | 8.98 | | | | |
| Verona | 91 | 58 | 78 | 80 | -2 | 0.70 | -0.18 | 3 | 15.33 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 91 | 56 | 77 | 79 | -2 | 0.72 | 0.02 | 3 | 10.14 | | | | |
| Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 92 | 59 | 80 | 81 | -1 | 0.96 | 0.35 | 2 | 7.31 | | | | |
| Moorhead | 93 | 61 | 80 | 81 | -1 | 0.47 | -0.02 | 4 | 5.17 | | | | |
| Rolling Fork | 94 | 59 | 81 | 80 | 1 | 1.16 | 0.60 | 3 | 9.30 | | | | |
| Yazoo City 5NNE | 91 | 60 | 79 | 81 | -2 | 0.50 | -0.22 | 1 | 9.96 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 94 | 59 | 80 | 81 | -1 | 0.77 | 0.21 | 3 | 7.26 | | | | |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton 4N | 92 | 56 | 78 | 81 | -3 | 2.03 | 1.35 | 3 | 8.15 | | | | |
| Eupora 2E | 90 | 56 | 76 | 79 | -3 | 0.94 | 0.31 | 2 | 5.82 | | | | |
| Forest 3S | 92 | 58 | 78 | 79 | -1 | 0.74 | -0.17 | 2 | 4.23 | | | | |
| Kosciusko | 90 | 59 | 77 | 80 | -3 | 2.69 | 1.98 | 1 | 2.90 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 92 | 56 | 77 | 80 | -3 | 1.60 | 0.90 | 2 | 4.23 | | | | |
| East-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brooksville Exp | 92 | 70 | 80 | | | 1.26 | 0.49 | 3 | 4.85 | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 91 | 64 | 79 | 79 | | 1.21 | 0.58 | 3 | 5.49 | | | | |
| Columbus | 92 | 62 | 79 | 80 | -1 | 0.89 | 0.09 | 3 | 3.94 | | | | |
| Macon | 91 | 60 | 78 | 80 | -2 | 1.32 | 0.54 | 3 | 5.95 | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 93 | 70 | 81 | 80 | 1 | 1.06 | 0.29 | 3 | 8.69 | | | | |
| State University | 92 | 57 | 77 | 79 | -2 | 2.77 | 2.07 | 3 | 8.11 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 93 | 57 | 79 | 80 | -1 | 1.42 | 0.72 | 3 | 6.56 | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal Springs Exp | 93 | 51 | 77 | 81 | -4 | 1.20 | 0.38 | 3 | 3.28 | | | | |
| Natchez | 93 | 60 | 80 | 81 | -1 | 2.52 | 1.61 | 5 | 7.52 | | | | |
| Oakley Exp | 97 | 61 | 80 | 80 | 0 | 2.57 | 1.73 | 4 | 5.33 | | | | |
| Port Gibson 1NE | 94 | 68 | 82 | 79 | 3 | 0.56 | -0.12 | 2 | 3.37 | | | | |
| Vicksburg | 92 | 63 | 81 | | | 2.08 | 0.00 | 1 | 9.64 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 51 | 80 | 80 | | 1.79 | 0.89 | 3 | 5.95 | | | | |
| South-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | 94 | 57 | 79 | 80 | -1 | 2.30 | 1.41 | 2 | 4.60 | | | | |
| Columbia | 93 | 62 | 81 | 81 | | 1.89 | 0.91 | 4 | 6.04 | | | | |
| Monticello | 96 | 72 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.81 | -0.05 | 2 | 4.19 | | | | |
| Raleigh | 92 | 54 | 79 | | | 1.63 | 0.00 | 3 | 3.96 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 54 | 81 | 81 | | 1.66 | 0.68 | 3 | 4.40 | | | | |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 92 | 61 | 79 | 81 | -2 | 2.16 | 1.11 | 4 | 4.93 | | | | |
| Laurel | 95 | 60 | 80 | 80 | | 1.98 | 1.09 | 2 | 3.81 | | | | |
| Waynesboro | 96 | 62 | 80 | 80 | | 3.20 | 2.48 | 3 | 4.28 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 60 | 80 | 80 | | 2.45 | 1.62 | 3 | 4.34 | | | | |
| Coastal State | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State | 97 | 51 | 79 | 80 | -1 | 1.43 | 0.68 | 3 | 5.76 | | | | |

DFN = Departure from Normal.